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- l. During the past few months the Soviets have been moving White Russians from the cities of Changehun and Mukden, telling them that they can obtain employment in Dairen and Tientsin. Transportation is furnished to Dairen. Upon arrival in Dairen, many of them are transferred from the train to a ship which carries them to Sakhalin Island and the adjacent islands where they are forced to take up residence.
- Many of the Russians in Changchun have developed a great fear as to their future. Their living conditions are generally poor and the majority of those remaining are elderly people no longer capable of working. They live in one large room in the Nikki Building. This room houses all those who cannot support themselves and are supported by the Soviet government. Many had been waiting to be repatriated to the Soviet Union, but are now perplemed because of the fate of many who have tried to go to Dairen and Tientsin.
- 3. While the Soviet Army occupied the city, numerous acts of violence occurred between the Soviet military forces and the Chinese civilians. Now that the Soviets have withdrawn, the Chinese are avenging themsleves on the few Russians who have remained. It is thought that the Soviets are transporting them to Bakhalin for this reason and because as White Russians they constitute an undesirable element in any future plans the Soviet Union may have for Manchuria.

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Note: There have been reports recently of increased activity on Sakhalin Island and indications of extensive development there. Shipment of White Russians may be part of a scheme to populate or "colonize" the island.

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